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Applicant: Germain FOURNIER et al.
Serial No.: 09/942,682
Filed: August 31, 2001
Title: TURNING DEVICE FOR LUMBER AND THE LIKE
Examiner: Richard Ridley
Group Art Unit: 3651

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
U.S.A.

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2003. Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 8-11 are herein amended.

Claims 4 and 12 are withdrawn without prejudice.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Kindly replace the abstract page currently on file with the replacement page submitted herewith.